left it to the Government to take such suitable steps as it deems fit including the appointment of another Commission to determine the areas to be transferred to Haryana in lieu of Chandigarh. The Venkataramiah Commission, in its report submitted on 10.6.86, has *inter-alia* recommended that an area of about 70,000 acres should be transferred from Punjab to Haryana in lieu of Chandigarh and that the Government may appoint another Commission to specify the territories consisting of about 70,000 acres which may be transferred in lieu of Chandigarh. These reports have not been laid before Parliament so far as there is no statutov obligation for doing so.

Arrest of Editor 'Dalit Voice'

3215. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:
SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:
SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the two issues August 15, 1985 and March 1, 1986 of the fortnighly 'Dalit Voice' of Shri V.T.R. Shetty wherein prokhalistan and other highly objectionable matter was published and that Shri Shetty has been found to be connected with foreign elements;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Chandigarh Police arrested him on August 12 last under the anti-terrorists law and took remand for him from a special court but later on withdrew the case;

(c) if so, what are the reasons of his arrest and his release; and

(d) whether the Central Government had any knowledge of the developments of this case and if so, what advice was given to the Chandigarh police before his arrest and thereafter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI) (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Amounts pent on lottery adverstisements

3216. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI: ....
SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent by the Central and and State Governments during each of the last three years over lottery advertisements;

(b) the estimated amounts received and the savings made from the lotteries as a result of these advertisements and the invstments made out of these savings; and

(c) what are these figures about the Churhat Children Welfare Society lottery and whether or not it had violated certain central guidelines for lotteries *e.g.* ceilings on the value of top prizes and prices of tickets?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTERY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Report of Thakkar Commission

3217. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:
SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA: ..

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Thakkar Commission was appointed to inquire into the lapses in the security arrangements of the late Prime Minister;

(b) whether precautions were taken to protect the Late General Vaidya and other VIP persons suspected to be in the hit-lists of terrorists in the light of its find ings; and

(c) whether non-publication of the Commission report has helped matters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) It was decided by the Government that the report of the Thakkar Commission shall not be laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha *vide* Gazette Notification No. S.O. 260(E) dated 15th May, 1986. However, the security arrangements for the VIPs are reviewed from time to time and strengthened on the basis of threat perception.

Assault on S.H.O.

3218. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

SHRI T. CHANDRASEKHAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have considered the desirability of the evolving a code of conduct for publicmen with respect to security personnel in particular in the light of the reported slapping of an SHO when he refused to release the Minister's man in the presence of several security and paramilitary personnel as published in the 'Hindustan Times' of the 16th September, 1986; and

(b) if so, with what result?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) The matter primarily concerns the State Government and it is for them to take appropriate action in this regard.

Strenth of Prime Minister's Office

3219. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total strength of the Prime Minister's Office in Class I, II, III and IV services, category-wise in the year 1983-84;

(b) what has been the comparative rise in the strength in each category of services during 1984-85 and 1985-86; and

(c) what has been the comparative rise in expenditure on each category of services during the same period?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI RAJIV GANDHI): (a) to (c) The requisite information is given below:—

Classification of posts	Actual strength of Prime Minister's Office in the years			Expenditure on pay allowances on each category of service		
	1983-84	1984-85	1985-86	1983-84	1984-85	1985-86
Class I	19	22	27	9,72,591 01	11,03,035 55	16,11,188.45
Class II Gazetted	27	30	30	7,37.222.00	8,83,777.80	12,04,691.70
Non- Gazetted	62	65	86	12,00,628.30	13,28,236.05	15,79,400.95
Class III	107	112	138	14,07,179 59	14,95,963.70	20,30,403.35
Class IV	87	92	99	7,94,155 60	9,63,537.95	11,61,901.55
TOTAL	302	321	380	51,11,776 50	57,74,551.85	75,87,586.00